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FROM US REP MBFR

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GENERAL STATEMENT AS MADE IN ENGLISH MAY
16 BY POLISH REP STRULAK. BEGIN TEXT

1. WE ARE ALL AWARE THAT THE PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS THAT
WE ARE HOLDING IN VIENNA FOR THE TALKS ON REDUCTION OF ARMED
FORCES AND ARMS IN EUROPE HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE AND COND-
ITIONED BY LARGER EUROPEAN AND WORLD- WIDE PROCESSES OF TRANS-
FORMATION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TOWARD DETENTE NORMALIZATION
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AND THEN TOWARD COMPREHENSIVE, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION AMONG NATIONS WHICH, IT IS BEING REALIZED, CAN BE A MUCH BETTER GUARANTEE FOR A STABLE PEACE AND SECURITY THAN THE POLICY OF THE BALANCE OF TERROR. WE HAVE REASONS TO HOPE THAT THE PRESENT AND FORTHCOMING IMPORTANT BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CONTACTS WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN THIS TENDENCY.

2. POLAND, TOGETHER WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OF SOCIALIST COMMUNITY, HAS FOR YEARS BEEN ENGAGED IN EFFORTS AIMED TO PROMOTE AND MAKE PREVAIL THE TREND TOWARD PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND COOPERATION. THIS HAD BEEN THE MOTIVATION FOR THE MANY PROPOSALS OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW TREATY AS WELL AS FOR THE KNOWN POLISH INITIATIVES. THIS IS THE MOTIVATION FOR OUR PRESENCE HERE.

3. POLAND'S HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE AND GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATION NATURALLY CENTERS OUR ATTENTION ON THE PROBLEMS OF STRENGTHENING EUROPEAN SECURITY. HERE, IN VIENNA, AS WELL AS IN OTHER FORUMS OF INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS THE POSITION OF POLAND IS CLEAR. WE CLEARLY MANIFEST OUR ANXIETY TO FIND SOLUTIONS THAT ARE IN THE INTEREST OF FURTHER DETENTE, STRENGTHENING PEACE IN EUROPE AND ENSURING CONDITIONS OF REAL SECURITY TO ALL STATES OF OUR CONTINENT IN A NEW STAGE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, WHICH - WE EARNESTLY HOPE - WILL SOON BE OPENED BY THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

4. OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS A CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN FOSTERING DETENTE AND NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS AMONG STATES HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN EUROPE. THE WELL-KNOWN TREATIES, SETTLING A COMPLEX OF LEGAL AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS WERE CONCLUDED.

5. THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATIES BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, POLAND AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT ON WEST BERLIN AND THE TREATY BETWEEN THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ESTABLISHED THE LASTING FOUNDATIONS OF PEACE, SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND - I WOULD SAY WITHOUT HESITATION - ON THE ENTIRE CONTINENT. AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THIS RESPECT IS ALSO THE RECOGNITION ON THE BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC BY THE MAJORITY OF STATES OF THE WORLD.

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6. WE WITNESS NOWADAYS NEW DEVELOPMENTS WHICH ENHANCE OUR HOPES THAT THE POSITIVE PROCESSES IN CENTRAL EUROPE WILL FURTHER BE STRENGTHENED.

7. THE HISTORY OF EUROPEAN RELATIONS PROVIDES MANY EXAMPLES TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE RESPECT FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INVIOABILITY OF EXISTING FRONTIERS IS A FUNDAMENTAL PREREQUI-

SITE FOR SECURITY, AS WELL AS FOR PEACEFUL RELATIONS AMONG STATES.

8. THE TREATIES CONCLUDED OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, CONCEIVED BOTH AS AN INTERRELATED COMPLEX SOLUTION AND IN TERMS OF THEIR SPECIFIC SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE PARTIES CONCERNED, CONSTITUTE THE REGOGNITION OF THE TERRITORIAL AND POLITICAL STATUS QUO IN EUROPE. MY GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THIS A BASIC CONDITION OF A FURTHER RELAXATION OF TENSION, NORMALIZATION AND JOINT CONSTRUCTION OF THE SYSTEM OF EUROPEAN SECURITY, INCLUDING PROGRESS TOWARDS MILITARY DETENTE.

9. WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THERE IS GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF THIS STANDPOINT. BY ADOPTING IT AS A POSITION OF DEPARTURE WE CAN CERTAINLY EXPECT - WITH BETTER PROSPECT AND MORE CONFIDENCE - THE PROGRESS TO FOLLOW ALSO IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMS.

10. WE ARE ABLE TO RECORD TODAY A NOTICEABLE ADVANCE IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THE EUROPEAN DIALOGUE WHICH HAS BEEN CONDUCTED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND TO WHICH MY COUNTRY HAS BEEN ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTING, SHOULD SHORTLY BEAR THE LONG AWAITED FRUITS.

11. BY ALL INDICATIONS THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE SHOULD BE AN EVENT OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE. ITS ROLE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALL- EUROPEAN SECURITY SYSTEM WILL, NO DOUBT, BE CRUCIAL. THE PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONS AMONG STATES TO BE ELABORATED BYTHE CONFERENCE, WITH DUE REGARD GIVEN TO THE MEASURES OF STABILIZATION AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING, SERVE AS GUIDELINES FOR THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE YEARS TO COME. THAT IS WHY POLAND CONSIDERS AN EARLY CONVOCAION OF THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE TO BE THE MATER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

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12. THE TASKS CONFRONTING US IN VIENNA ARE OF A DIFFERENT NATURE, AND OF A DIFFERENT SCOPE, ALTHOUGH THEY, TOO, ARE IN THEMSELVES AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE GENERAL DESIGN FOR STRIVING AT THE FURTHERANCE OF DETENTE AND COOPERATION AMONG EUROPEAN STATES AND PROMOTING LASTING PEACE ON OUR CONTINENT. WE ARE TO DEAL WITH THE PREPARATION, IN A PROPER WAY, OF TALKS ON THE REDUCTION IN EUROPE OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMS, BOTH NATIONAL AND FOREIGN.

13. THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY IS CERTAINLY BASIC AND INDISPENSABLE FOR ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMS IN EUROPE. IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE THAT WE HAVE HAD WITH THE PROBLEMS SO FAR
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DISCUSSED IN THESE CONSULTATIONS, ONE CERTAINLY IS JUSTIFIED TO STRESS THE ESSENTIAL VALIDITY OF THIS PRINCIPLE FOR ALL OUR WORK, IF IT IS TO SUCCEED.

14. HAVING BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN ADVANCING THE CONCEPT OF REGIONAL DISARMAMENT, POLAND HAS ALSO FOLLOWED WITH ATTENTION VARIOUS DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD OVER THE PAST YEARS BY OTHER EUROPEAN STATES. THE EXPERIENCE DERIVED FROM THE HISTORY OF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS HAS SHOWN THAT THE ATTAINMENT OF PROPER CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISARMAMENT MEASURES IS A GRADUAL PROCESS REQUIRING POLITICAL CONSENSUS.

15. THESE OBSERVATIONS LEAD US TO THE CONCLUSION THAT - OWING TO THE LEGAL AND POLITICAL SOLUTIONS WHICH I HAVE EARLIER REFERRED TO - IT IS PRECISELY THE REGION OF CENTRAL EUROPE THAT IN THE PRESENT EUROPEAN SITUATION IS THE MOST RIPE IN EVERY RESPECT TO BECOME SUBJECT OF CONCRETE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMS.

16. FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF EUROPEAN AND WORLD SECURITY

THIS IS A MOST SENSITIVE AREA, ACCROSS WHICH RUNS THE LINE OF MILITARY CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE TWO POTENTIALS: THOSE OF THE NATO STATES AND OF THE WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES.

17. THESE ARE THE REASONS THAT POINT TO THE NEED TO CONCENTRATE OUR ATTENTION ON CENTRAL EUROPE.

18. IT DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT WE SHALL STAND FOR PERMANENTLY CONFINING THE SUBJECT OF THE FUTURE TALKS EXCLUSIVELY TO THIS REGION.

19. I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO RESTATE THE BASIC POSITION ALREADY EXPRESSED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMS IN CENTRAL EUROPE DO NOT CONSTITUTE THE PREROGATIVE OF THE EXISTING POLITICAL AND MILITARY GROUPINGS.

20. WE CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE, AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, THE INTEREST OF ALL EUROPEAN STATES, INCLUDING THOSE NOT REPRESENTED IN THIS HALL, IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE QUESTION OF THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMS IN EUROPE.
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21. WE HAVE NOW COMPLETED AN IMPORTANT STAGE IN OUR WORK. THE PARTIES BECAME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS. THE INTEREST OF ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONDUCT OF NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN REAFFIRMED. THE CONSULTATIONS HELD SO FAR WERE CONSTRUCTIVE AND, WE FELT, HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE OVERALL ATMOSPHERE OF DETENTE IN EUROPE.

22. IN THE COURSE OF DIFFICULT BUT PRODUCTIVE CONSULTATIONS THE QUESTIONS OF PARTICIPATION AND PROCEDURE HAVE BEEN SOLVED. THE POLISH DELEGATION FULLY SUPPORTS THE AGREEMENT WHICH PERMITS US TO MOVE FORWARD TO FURTHER PREPARATIONS OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE ALL REALIZE THAT THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE NEGOTIATORS WERE OF A VERY COMPLEX NATURE SINCE THEY CONCERNED THE BITAL POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC INTERESTS OF A NUMBER OF STATES.

23. WE NOTE AS A FOREMOST ACHIEVEMENT THE FACT THAT THE GROUP OF 11 STATES HAS BEEN DEFINED AS POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS OF THE FUTURE AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMS RELATED TO CENTRAL EUROPE, THE POSSIBILITY OF ENLARGING IT BEING CONDITIONED ON DUE RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

24. WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENT ARRIVED AT WILL ALSO PERTAIN TO THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBSTANCE.

25. THE RESULTS OF THE PAST THREE AND A HALF MONTHS PERMIT US NOW TO PASS TO INTENSIVE WORK ON THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES.

26. MOTIVATED BY POLISH GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE POSITIVE OUTCOME OF THESE CONSULTATIONS, MY DELEGATION HAS DONE, WITHIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, ITS BEST TO HELP REACH THE AGREEMENT. IT IS ITS INTENTION TO WORK AND COOPERATE ACTIVELY TOWARDS FURTHER MEANINGFUL RESULTS.

27. IN CONCLUSION, MR. CHAIRMAN, PERMIT ME TO EXTEND OUR WORDS OF GRATITUDE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA, BEING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES ON A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS PERTAINING TO THESE CONSULTATIONS, I FEEL TO BE IN A SPECIALLY GOOD POSITION TO APPRECIATE FULLY THEIR HIGHLY MOTIVATED HOSPITALITY AND
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